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Nuclear Test Ban Talks

The Soviet delegation to the technical talks on high-altitude detection has carefully tied all discussions with the 1958 Geneva Technical Report, claiming that no new information has been introduced which would "in principle" modify last year's conclusions. The Soviet experts have hoped to confine the final report to little more than a confirmation of the accuracy of last year's experts' conclusions to avoid setting any precedent which could be used to support Western efforts to consider basic modifications in these conclusions in light of new American data on detecting underground explosions.

In plenary sessions Moscow has announced that it will drop its insistence on veto rights over the appointment and discharge of control system personnel if agreement can be reached on control post staffing and on an annual inspection quota unrelated to the number of unidentified seismic events. The Soviet delegate also agreed to drop the veto over commission actions to deal with possible treaty violations.

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